of Engineers of the State of Louisiana; the concurrence of all these bodies being necessary to the adoption of said plans and specifications.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That for the digging and building of said canal, locks, slips, laterals, basins and appurtenances thereof, the said Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans shall have the right to expropriate any property necessary for that purpose, and to pay for same and the necessary works and improvements thereon by issuing mortgage or mortgages, bonds or bonds against the real estate and canal and locks and other improvements erected thereon; said mortgage or mortgages, bond or bonds, to be paid out of the net receipts of said canal and appurtenances thereof, after the payment of operating expenses; and that the said Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans are empowered to fix charges for tolls in said canal and for charges to all vessels mooring against the banks of said canal.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That the foregoing sections are self-operative, and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans and the City of New Orleans shall, by ordinance or otherwise, carry the same into effect.

Section 4. Be it further resolved, etc., That at the congressional election to be held in this State on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November, 1914, the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the State shall be submitted to the electors of the State; that on the official ballot to be used at said election shall be placed the words "For the Board of Commissioners' Canal Amendment," and the words "Against the Board of Commissioners' Canal Amendment," and every elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment, as provided by the general election laws of this State.

L. E. THOMAS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS C. BARRETT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved: July 9, 1914.
L. E. HALL,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ALVIN E. HEBERT,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 257.

House Bill No. 513. By Mr. Fleury.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 109 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to District Courts.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House concurring, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana shall be submitted to the electons of the State, at the Congressional election to be holden on the First Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1914, and if approved and ratified by a majority of said electors voting in said election the same to become a part of the Constitution, to-wit:

Article 109. The District courts, except in the Parish of Orleans shall have original jurisdiction in all civil matters where the amount in dispute shall exceed fifty ($50.00) dollars, exclusive of interest and in all cases where the title to real estate is involved, or to office or other public positions, or civil or political rights, and all other cases where no specific amount is in contest, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

They shall have unlimited and exclusive original jurisdiction in all criminal cases except such as may be vested in other courts authorized by this constitution; and in all probate and succession matters and where a succession is a party defendant, and in all cases where the State, a parish, municipality or other political corporation is a party defendant regardless of the amount in dispute; and of all proceedings for the appointment of receivers or liquidators to corporations or partnerships; and said court shall have authority to issue all such writs, process and orders as may be necessary or proper for the purpose of the jurisdiction herein conferred upon them.

There shall be one district judge in each judicial district except in the First, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-fifth, and Twenty-eighth judicial Districts, where until otherwise provided by law there shall be three (3) district judges in the First Judicial District, and in the other districts above mentioned there shall be two (2) district judges.

District judges shall be elected by a plurality of the qualified voters of their respective districts, in which they shall have been actual residents for two years next preceding their election.

They shall be learned in the law and shall have practiced law in this State five years previous to their election.

District Judges under this Constitution shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1916, and every four years thereafter.

Vacancies occasioned by death, resignation or otherwise where the unexpired portion of the term is less than one year shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. In all cases where the unexpired portion of the term is one year or more, the vacancy shall be filled by special election, to be called by the Governor and held within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy, under the general election laws of the State.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That the foregoing amendment to the Article of the Constitution of this State, if adopted shall become operative on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1914, at which time the additional Judges provided for in said Article shall be elected in conformity with existing election laws and they shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1916, on which date all Judges hereinabove provided for shall be elected in conformity with existing election laws and they shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 3. Be it further resolved, etc., That upon the official ballots to be used at said Congressional election shall be printed the words "For the proposed amendment to Article 109 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to District Courts," and the words "Against the proposed Amendment to Article 109 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to District Courts," and such elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of the State, which of the propositions "For" or "Against" he votes for.

L. E. THOMAS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS C. BARRETT,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved: July 9, 1914.
L. E. HALL,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ALVIN E. HEBERT,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 260.

House Bill No. 153. By Mr. Generelly.

AN ACT

To define motor vehicles and to provide for their registry, and imposing a license therefor; and providing penalties for any violations of this act; and An Act whereas it is intended to have this Act ratified by an amendment to the Constitution of the State. Therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house concurring:

That a motor vehicle is defined to be any vehicle operated by any power other than muscular power, and designed and intended for use on public highways, roads and streets. Motor vehicles are classified into three subdivisions. Any motor vehicle used exclusively in commerce for the carrying or transporting of merchandise on the public highways, roads and streets is classified as a motor truck. Any motor vehicle containing only two running wheels arranged tandem, is classified as a motor-cycle. All other motor vehicles are classified as motor cars.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That every owner of a motor vehicle which shall be operated or driven upon public highways of this State, shall, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, cause to be filed by mail or otherwise in the office of the Secretary of State and application for registration on a blank to be furnished by the Secretary of State for that purpose ,containing (a) a brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, including the name of the manufacturer and factory number of such vehicle, the character and amount of the motive power, stated in figures of horsepower, given where practical, in accordance with the rating establish by the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers; (b) the name, residence, including Parish and business address of the owner of such motor vehicle; (c) provided, that if such motor vehicle is to be used solely for commercial purposes the applicant shall so certify.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., Upon the receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle as provided in Section 2, the Secretary of State shall file such application in his office and register such motor vehicle or vehicles, with the name, residence and business address of the owner, manufacturer or dealer, as the case may be, together with the facts stated in such application, in a book or index to be kept for that purpose, under the distinctive number assigned to such motor vehicle by the Secretary of State, which book or index shall be open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., Upon the filing of such application and the payment of the license hereinafter provided, the Secretary of State shall assign to such motor vehicle a distinctive number and, without further expense to the applicant, issue and deliver to the owner a certificate of registration, and two number plates. Such number plates shall be of distinctly different color each year, and there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon.

Such number plate shall be of metal, at least six inches wide and not less than fifteen inches in length, on which there shall be the abbreviation "La." and there shall be the distinctive number assigned to the vehicle set forth in numerals four inches long, each stroke of which shall be at least five-eighths of an inch in width; provided, that in the case of a motor vehicle registered by a manufacturer or dealer there shall be on such plate in addition to the foregoing the letter "M," each stroke of such letter to be at least four inches long and five-eighths of an inch in width. No vehicle shall display the number plates of more than one State at any time. In the event of the loss, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of registration, or number plate, the owner of a registered motor vehicle or manufacturer, or dealer, as the case may be, may obtain from the Secretary of State, upon an affidavit showing such fact and the payment of a fee of one dollar, two new number plates, and thereupon the original license plates shall become void and the person found using same shall be subject to the penalties imposed by Section 14.

All certificates of registration shall begin on their respective dates, and shall expire on the 31st day of December following. A new registration must be had each year, and the license fee therefor paid annually; provided that persons holding a certificate for one year shall not become delinquent for failure to register or pay the annual license fee until the first day of February of the following year.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., There shall be an annual license fee, which shall be divided into classifications known as a whole license fee, and a half license fee. The whole license fee shall apply to all registrations made under the provisions of this act, prior to the first day of August, of each year; and the half license fee shall apply to all registrations under the provisions of this act made on or after the first day of August, of each year. All license fees except as hereinafter provided shall be based on horsepower of motor, and shall be computed according to the following standard, to-wit:

D2XN

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D is the cylinder bore in inches; N the number of cylinders. The license fee shall be twenty-five cents for each horsepower; provided that the minimum whole license fee shall be Five Dollars. All motor cars shall be subject to this license. Motor cycles shall pay a flat license fee of Two Dollars per annum. Motor trucks shall pay a flat license fee of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents per annum. The one-half license shall apply to all motor vehicles and shall be half of the license rate herein provided for a whole license for each classification. Persons, firms and corporations, manufacturing or dealing in motor vehicles shall pay the license fee of one motor vehicle, on the maximum horsepower of each special make of motor vehicles handled, provided that dealers handling both new and second-hand motor vehicles shall pay the license on new makes only. Persons, firms or corporations dealing in or handling second-hand motor vehicles exclusively shall pay a flat license fee of Ten Dollars per annum.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That upon the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle registered in accordance with this act, the vendor shall immediately file notice thereof with the name and residence of the yendee to the Secretary of State, and the vendee shall within ten days after the date of such sale or transfer, upon a blank to be furnished him for that purpose, make application for a change of registration, which shall, with a fee of One Dollar, be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who shall note upon the registration book or index such change of ownership.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, etc., Upon the sale of a motor vehicle by the manufacturer or dealer, the vendee shall be allowed to operate same upon the public highways for a period of fifteen days after taking possession thereof, or until he shall have received his certificate of registration and number plates from the Secretary of State, providing that during such period the motor vehicle shall have attached thereto, in accordance with the provisions heerof, a placard bearing the registration number of the dealer under which it might previously have been operated; and provided, further, that application for registration shall be made by mail or otherwise before such vehicle shall be so used.

Section 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That every person, firm, association or corporation manufacturing or dealing in motor vehicles may instead of registering each motor vehicle so manufactured or dealt in, make an application upon a blank to be furnished by the Secretary of State for a general distinctive number for all motor vehicles owned and controlled by such manufacturer or dealer, such application to contain; (a) a brief description of each style or type of motor vehicle manufactured or dealt in by such manufacturer or dealer, including the character of the motor power, the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horsepower, in accordance with the rating established by this act; (b) the name, residence, including parish and business address, of such manufacturer or dealer. On the payment of the registration fee provided in Section 5, such application shall be filed and registered in the office of the Secretary of State in the manner provided in Section 3 of this act. There shall thereupon be assigned and issued to such manufacturer or dealer a certificate of registration, and a number plate with a number corresponding to the number of such certificate of registration. Such number plate or duplicate thereof shall be displayed by every motor vehicle of such manufacturer or dealer when the same is operated or driven on the public highways. Such manufacturer or dealer may obtain as many duplicates of such number plate as may be desired upon payment to the Secretary of State of One Dollar for each duplicate. Nothing in this article shall be construed to apply to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer or dealer for private use or for hire.

Section 9. Be it further enacted, etc., The provisions of the foregoing sections relative to registration and display of registration numbers, shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this State; provided, that the owner thereof shall have complied with the provisions of the law of the foreign country, State, Territory or Federal district of his residence relative to registration of motor vehicles and the display of registration numbers thereon, and shall conspicuously display his registration numbers as required thereby. The provisions of this section, however, shall be operative as to a motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this State only to the extent that under the laws of foreign country, State, or territory, or Federal district of his residence like exemptions and privileges are granted to motor vehicles duly registered under the laws of and owned by residents of this State.

Section 10. Be it further enacted, etc., All track engines, road rollers, fire wagons, fine engines, police patrols, ambulances, as well as all other motor vehicles used exclusively for public purposes by the United States Government, the State, or any of the subdivisions thereof, including the parishes, cities towns and villages; as well as all public boards of the State, district, parochial or municipal, are excluded from the provisions of this act.

Section 11. Be it further enacted etc., The Secretary of State shall deposit all funds collected under the provisions of this act, as soon after the collection as practicable, in one of the banks of the State previously selected for that year as one of the State Bank depositaries, in a special fund which shall bear interest at the same rate as other deposits; and on or before the fifteenth day of the month of February and August, of each year, the Secretary of State shall transmit to the Parish Treasurer of each Parish, with a sworn account thereof, all of the funds collected under the provisions of this act, from persons, firms or corporations residing in the respective parishes throughout the State, deducting therefrom only the amounts expended by him, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.

That on or before the fifteenth day of the months of February and August of each year, the Secretary of State shall transmit to the Commissioner of Finance of the city of New Orleans, with a sworn account thereof, all of the funds collected under the provisions of this act, from persons, firms or corporations residing in the Parish of Orleans ,deducting therefrom only the amounts expended by him, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of this act.

The Clerks of the District Courts throughout the State (Parish of Orleans excepted), shall within ten days after the collection hereof, transmit to the Parish Treasurer all fines and penalties collected for any violation of any State law relating to motor vehicles, and shall annually between the first and fifteenth day of January of each year, file with the Parish Treasurer a sworn statement showing in detail the amounts and sources from whence said funds were collected. The Clerks of the First and Second City Criminal Courts of the City of New Orleans, shall within two days after the collection thereof, transmit to the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New Orleans,all fines and penalties collected for any violation of the provisions of any State law relating to motor vehicles, and shall annually between the first and fifteenth day of January of each year, file with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New Orleans, a sworn statement showing in details the amounts and sources from whence said funds were collected. All funds deposited with the respective Parish Treasurers shall be Special High-way funds of the Parish and shall be withdrawn from Parish Treasury by the Police Jury of each Parish only for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or operation of public roads, high-ways or bridges, or for the payment of interest on bonds issued solely for said purpose.

The fund deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New Orleans, under the provisions of this Act, shall form a special Highway Fund for the City of New Orleans, and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining highways, roads, bridges, viaducts, and acqueduts, as well as culverts, drains and appurtenances thereof; or for the purpose of paying the interest on any bonds or public improvement certificates hereafter issued by the City of New Orleans, exclusively for the construction of public highways, roads, bridges, viaducts, or acqueducts within said Parish.

Section 12. Be it further enacted, etc., that the Seeretary of State shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, with a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana, as surety thereon, and shall be entitled to charge the cost thereof, which shall not exceed one-fourth of one per cent, and to charge same against the license fees collected.

The bond shall be made in favor of the State of Louisiana for faithful performance by the Secretary of State of his duties under this act, and the prompt delivery to the proper parties of the funds under his control; and shall enure to the benefit of the respective parishes and the City of New Orleans, as its interest might appear.

He shall appoint a chief clerk and such additional clerks as may be necessary, who shall have charge of the business of the Secretary of State, under the provisions of this act; the said clerk shall hold his position at the pleasure of the Secretary of State. All of the incidental expenses necessary to carry into effect and enforce the provisions of this act shall be paid by the Secretary of State by check, and shall be deducted from the returns made to the Parish Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance of the City of New Orleans. The expense of said office shall be charged against the funds accruing from the respective parish funds, and the funds accruing to the High-way Fund of the City of New Orleans, pro rata, and in no event shall the salary and expenses of the office exceed ten per cent of the total amount of the license fees collected under the provisions of this act.

Section 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever any portion of the Highway Fund of the City of New Orleans created by the provisions of this act shall be used for the construction of roads, bridges, viaducts, or aqueducts in accordance with this act, or for the payment of interest on bonds or public improvements certificates as herein provided, the City of New Orleans shall be obligated whenever it grants any franchise to any person, firm, association or corporation for the use of said road, bridge or acqueduct or viaduct, to make provisions under the grant of said franchise for the reimbursement to the Highway Fund of the City of New Orleans, of any amount reasonably commensurate with the extent of the franchise granted, and the extent to which said road, bridge, viadluct or acqueduct is utilized under said franchise.

Section 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That any person failing to register his motor vehicle, or to pay his license tax as herein provided, within the time fixed by the provisions of this act; or any person otherwise violating any of the provisions hereof; or any person making a wilful false statement in relation to any matter or thing required to be done under the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars, nor more than Twenty-five Dollars; or by imprisonment in the Parish Jail, for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Section 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall go into effect and become operative on the first day of January, 1915, if ratified and approved by the electors of the State, as provided in Sections 16 and 17 of this act, and it is the intention of this act that the ratification and approval by the electors of the State shall legalize and render valid all of the provisions hereof, reserving to the General Assembly complete authority to amend this act in any respect whatever.

Section 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That at the General Election to be held in this State on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday of the month of November, 1914, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State, the following amendment to the Constitution, to-wit:

"The General Assembly shall provide for the registration of automobiles and motor vehicles and provide a license tax for the use thereof. And all provisions of the Constitution in conflict herewith are to this extent repealed, and Act .... of 1914, entitled 'An Act to Define Motor Vehicles,' etc., is ratified and approved."

Section 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That on the official ballot to be used in said election, shall be placed the words, "For the Amendment Licensing Automobiles" and the words "Against the Amendment Licensing Automobiles," and each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided for by the General Assembly laws of this State.

L. E. THOMAS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS C. BARRET,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved: July 9, 1914.
L. E. HALL,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ALVIN E. HEBERT,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 262.

House Bill No. 613. By Mr. Generelly

AN ACT

Authorizing the Board of Directors of the Public Schools of the Parish of Orleans to issue Two Million Dollars of Bonds for the purpose of acquiring school sites, constructing school buildings and their appurtenances in the City of New Orleans; to provide the terms and conditions under which said bonds shall be issued and sold, and the security for the payment of the principal and interest thereof; to define the duties of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, in connection with the issuance and sale of said bonds, the payment of the principal and interest thereon, and the retirement thereof; to prescribe the duties and obligations of the City of New Orleans in connection with the reimbursement of the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans by certain annual payments; and to define the method and manner in which the proceeds of said bonds shall be employed and disbursed.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house concurring, That subject to the ratification of the people of the State of Louisiana, by an amendment to the Constitution of the State, hereinafter submitted to them, the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans, of the State of Louisiana, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds not to exceed two million dollars ($2,000,000.00); in amount, to be dated January 1, 1915, bearing five per cent (5%) per annum interest, payable semi-annually, the principal of which shall be payable in forty (40) annual installments of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) each, payable on the first day of January in each of the years 1916 to and including 1955, respectively, as hereinafter set forth.

Said bonds shall be made payable to bearer, and shall be styled "Public School Bonds, City of New Orleans and Parish of Orleans."

Said bonds shall be of the denomination of one thousand dollars each, except that at the option of any bidder, to be indicated in and as a part of his bid, bonds of the denomination of five hundred dollars may be issued to such bidder if successful.

The principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, or same may be expressed in pounds sterling or in franc, and at such arbitrary rate of exchange, as said Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may determine.

Said bonds shall be signed by the president and secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans ,and shall be countersigned, by the president, or one of the vice-presidents, and the secretary of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt.

The interest on said bonds shall be evidenced by interest coupons attached thereto bearing the fac-simile signatures of the secretary of the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans and the Secretary of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, respectively, and shall be payable on the first days of July and January, respectively, in each year; said interest shall be payable in the City of New Orleans and in such other cities as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may determine, upon surrender and cancellation of the said respective interest coupons, provided, however, that such cities shall be designated by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, and announced in the advertisement calling for competitive bids; and provided, further, that the principal of said bonds shall be payable only in the City of New Orleans, State of Louisiana.

Said bonds may be registered and released from registry under such rules and regulations as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may determine; shall be exempt from taxation, State, parish and municipal, shall be a legal investment for the tutors of minors and curators of interdicts; and shall be received as security for public deposits of the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That as soon as constitutional authority for the issuance of said bonds shall have been obtained, the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans shall, by resolution adopted by a majority of the members thereof in regular or special meeting called for that purpose, call upon the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to advertise for the sale of said bonds. When so called upon, it shall be the duty of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to advertise said bonds for sale in the official journal of the City of New Orleans and in such other newspapers in financial centers as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may determine. Said advertisement shall appear in each of said newspapers for thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date fixed for the receipt of sealed bids or proposals, to the highest bidder who shall have complied with the terms and conditions set out by the Board of Liquiation, City Debt, in the advertisement for said bonds; provided that no sale of said bonds shall be made unless all of said issue be sold and unless the average price obtained for the different maturities shall at least equal par and accrued interest for the entire issue. The Board of Liquidation, City Debt, shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That when the said bonds shall have been adjudicated, as hereinafter set forth, it shall be the duty of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to immediately cause said bonds to be engraved and executed in such denominations and payable in the currency of such country or countries as the successful bidder or bidders may have indicated or the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, determined, as the case may be.

The Board of Liquidation, City Debt, shall have the right to prescribe the amount of the deposit that shall accompany each bid, the conditions under which same shall become forfeited, the time within which the bonds shall be delivered after the adjudication, and, generally, all terms and conditions appertaining to the bids and adjudication not otherwise provided for by this act.

Section 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, shall deposit the proceeds of the sale of said bonds in such local bank or banks as may become the successful bidder or bidders for said bonds in proportion to the amount of their respective bids, upon furnishing security satisfactory to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, and at such rate of interest as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may fix and announce in the advertisement calling for bids. In the event that the successful bidder or bidders for all or any part of the said bonds shall be some person, firm or corporation other than a local bank, then the proceeds of the sale of the bonds awarded to said successful bidder or bidders shall be deposited in such local bank or banks at such rate of interest as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, may determine.

All payments made by the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans shall be made in the form of warrants or drafts on the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, setting forth the amount thereof, the person to whom payment and the purpose for which the payment is made; and the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, is hereby charged with the duty of taking care that no irregular or improper or unlawful payments are made out of said funds.

Section 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the annual installment of principal amounting to fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) and the interest on said bonds shall be payable out of the one-half of the surplus of the one per cent, debt tax, levied by the City of New Orleans by virtue of Article 317 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, adopted in the year 1913, and dedicated for the use of the public schools of the Parish of Orleans, after providing for the principal and interest on the one hundred and seventy-four thousand, six hundred and sixty-two dollars ($174,662), in principal sum, of bonds known as School Teachers' Salary Bonds of the City of New Orleans, authorized by Act No. 2 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, session of 1906, and subsequently adopted as an amendment to the Constitution of this State; and the said one-half of the surplus of the one per cent debt tax, subject to the exceptions specified and hereinabove immediately set forth, is hereby dedicated and pledged to the payment of the bonds hereby authorized to be issued, in principal and interest; and the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, is hereby directed to employ said fund to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of this act; provided that nothing herein contained shall otherwise change ,affect or impair, the provisions of Article 317 of the Constitution of this State.

Section 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, shall, on the first day of January, 1916, and annually thereafter pay and redeem fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), in principal sum of said bonds. The plan and schedule of redemption shall be determined by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, and announced by it in detail in the advertisement calling for sealed bids.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That in order to reimburse the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans for the deductions and payments which the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, is herein authorized to make out of said one-half of the surplus of the one per cent. debt tax, the City of New Orleans, shall, and it is hereby made its duty to pay over to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, beginning on or before the first day of July, 1915, and annually thereafter up to and including the year 1934, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) in cash, and beginning on or before the first day of July, 1935, and annually thereafter up to and including the year 1954, the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in cash, and such further sum as may be necessary in each year to pay the interest on the bonds herein authorized and then outstanding. To enable the City of New Orleans to make such annual payments, the said city is authorized to issue and to sell so much of the public improvement certificates authorized to be issued under Act No. 56 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, Session of 1908, or amendments presently existing thereto, or that may be hereafter made, as may be necessary for said purpose; and such certificates shall be sold by the City of New Orleans under sealed proposals to the highest bidder, in such amounts and under such conditions as the city of New Orleans may prescribe. The City of New Orleans shall be entitled to reject any and all bids for such certificates; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to, in any manner, relieve the City of New Orleans of the obligation to make the annual payments herein designated; and, in the event that the City of New Orleans should fail to make any payment when same shall become due, it shall be the duty of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to compel, by mandamus or other appropriate remedy, the City of New Orleans to pay over to it the amount thus due. When, and as soon as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, shall have received from the City of New Orleans any such annual payment, the money so received shall be forthwith paid over by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, to the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans.

Section 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the proceeds of the sale of two million dollars of bonds herein authorized to be issued shall be expended solely for the following purposes, to-wit:

For the acquisition in the name of the City of New Orleans, either by purchase or by expropriation proceedings to be instituted in the name of the City of New Orleans, of such sites as may be necessary for the erection, extension or enlargement of school houses and their appurtenances, or for the establishment of playgrounds or stadia connected with the public school system of the City of New Orleans; and for the construction, or enlargement, or maintenance of school houses and school buildings and other edifices and appurtenances thereto.

Any and all contracts for the purchase of ground of the construction of buildings shall be made by the Board of Directors of the Public Schools of the City of New Orleans, subject to confirmation and approval by the Commission Council or other governing body of the City of New Orleans; and all contracts for the construction of buildings or other edifices that may exceed five hundred dollars in amount shall be let to the lowest bidder under sealed proposals and after ten (10) days' advertisement in the official journal of the City of New Orleans, and under such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans and the Commission Council, or other governing body, of the City of New Orleans may concur in.

All plans and specifications for the construction and repair of school houses and other buildings and structures shall be made and prepared by the Engineering Department of the City of New Orleans and all such work shall be done under the supervision and direction and subject to the approval of the City Engineer of the City of New Orleans.

Section 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That during the life of the bonds herein authorized to be issued and until the date of their complete and final redemption, the City of New Orleans shall be free from the obligation of appropriating and paying otherwise than as provided in this act any money for the acquisition, construction or repair of public school buildings and their appurtenances in the City of New Orleans.

Section 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That the provisions of this act shall constitute a contract between the holders of the bonds issued thereunder and the Board of Directors of the Public Schoools for the Parish of Orleans.

Section 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That at the Congressional election to be held in this State on the first Monday after the first Tuesday in the month of November, 1914, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana shall be submitted to the electors of the State, to-wit:

The Board of Directors of the Public Schools for the Parish of Orleans shall be authorized and empowered to issue two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) of bonds to be known as "Public School Bonds, City of New Orleans," for the purpose, and under the provisions set forth in the act of the Legislature adopted to that end and for that purpose at the regular session of the Louisiana General Assembly for the year 1914, which said act is hereby ratified and approved; and all provisions of the Constitution of the State in conflict with the provisions of said act and with this amendment are to that extent and for that purpose only repealed."

Section 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That on the official ballot to be used at said election shall be placed the words "For the New Orleans Public School Bonds Amendment"; and the words "Against the New Orleans Public School Bonds Amendment"; and each elector shall indicate his vote on the proposed amendment as provided by the general election laws of the State.

L. E. THOMAS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS C. BARRET,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved: July 9, 1914.
L. E. HALL,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ALVIN E. HEBERT,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 278

House Bill No. 537. By Mr. Jahncke

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana relative to the issuance of Bonds and the levying of a special tax to provide therefor by the City of New Orleans, to create a lake shore park, to provide for the administration of the park, and for the sale of certain property acquired in connection therewith.

Section 1. Be it resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each house concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of this state be submitted to the electors of the State at the next general election for represenatives in Congress to be holden on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1914, to-wit:

Article 1. That for the purpose of acquiring the front of Lake Pontchartrain from what is known as West End to Milneburg, or such part thereof as may be deemed necessary and advisable, as hereinafter set forth, the city of New Orleans be, and it is hereby, authorized to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding $5,000,000.00, in denominations of $100.00, $500.00, $1,000.00, payable fifty years after date, with interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum thereon, payable semi-annually, and represented by coupons to be attached to said bonds; and to provide for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, there is hereby levied annually a special tax on all property, real and personal, in the city of New Orleans, to the amount of six-tenths of one mill on the dollar, which shall be collected the same as the other taxes due to the city of New Orleans and be immediately paid to the Board of Liquidation of the city of New Orleans where same shall be held separate, in what shall be known as the "Lake Shore Park Bond Fund;" and to establish and administer said park, there is hereby created a commission of seven citizens and taxpayers, male or female, one from each of the Municipal Districts of the city of New Orleans, who shall be appointed by the Mayor of the city and confirmed by the Commission Council as soon as this amendment is adopted: such first appointees shall hold office respectively for one, two, three, four, five, six and seven years, and at the expiration of each term, their successors shall be appointed for the full term of seven years, and the Mayor, in making the first appointments, shall designate the term of office of the respective appointees. The members of said Board shall name and elect their own officers and shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed a secretary and such clerical assistance as may be necessary, this to be determined, and the salaries fixed and paid by the Board of Liquidation, which shall also fix and pay the necessary amounts for the other expenses of said Board out of said tax.

The avails of said tax, in excess of the amount necessary to pay the semi-annual interest on said bonds and the expenses of the Board as above set forth, shall be invested by said Board of Liquidation for account of said fund, or they may purchase, at not more than par, with said surplus at any time, and retire said bonds; and if, at any time the surplus reaches such an amount that the Board deems it not advisable to hold same longer, and it is not able to purchase said bonds at the rate above stated, it shall then have the right to call in any of said bonds, beginning with the highest number, but at not exceeding their market value.

Said bonds shall be sold at par and accrued interest all at one time or partially, as said Board of Liquidation may determine. The Board herein created shall be known as the New Orleans Lake Shore Park Board, and shall have the right to purchase such property as may be necessary within the limits above specified, to establish thereon a lake front park and to build a sea wall and to reclaim land from the lake by extending the sea wall into the lake and filling the space between same and the present shore line, and to do all other work necessary to accomplish the purposes herein provided for. And said Board shall have the right to sell or lease any portion of the property acquired hereunder or reclaimed as may not be necessary for park purposes, and, in selling same, to prescribe the conditions under which same shall be held by private owners, with reference to the character of buildings, sidewalks and other improvements to be erected thereon. The said Board shall have the right to lay out and pave, within the property herein to be acquired, streets, avenues and boulevards, and to arrange for the proper lighting thereof. No purchase, sale or lease shall be made under the terms hereof without the consent of the Board of Liquidation and the Commission Council of the city of New Orleans, or any other body that may hereafter be in charge of the affairs of the city of New Orleans. The City Attorney shall be the legal advisor of the Board. The Mayor and Commissioner of Public Property, or any officers hereafter created by other names exercising the same functions, shall be ex-officio members of the Board, but without the right to vote therein, but may be appointed on committees and shall have the right to speak and present resolutions at any meeting of the Board.

The engineering work necessary to carry out the provisions of this amendment shall be under the supervision of the City Engineer, who, however, shall appoint one or more special deputies to have charge of the work, same to be selected by the Board herein created and confirmed by the Board of Liquidation.

Should, at any time, the Board of Liquidation be of the opinion that, by reason of the payment of some of the now outstanding obligations of the city of New Orleans, funds will come into its hands from other sources not pledged to other obligations, more than sufficient to provide for the bonds herein authorized, in principal and interest, then it may, by resolution, declare that the special tax herein levied is no longer necessary, and that thereupon the city of New Orleans shall cease to collect such tax; but said tax shall revive at any time, should it become necessary in order that the Board should have sufficient funds to meet the interest on the bonds and the principal, at the maturity thereof, same have not heretofore been purchased or retired as hereinabove set forth. And said Board of Liquidation shall determine, if it deem it advisable, what amount it shall set aside annually to provide for said sinking fund; but this right in the Board shall be optional with it and need not be exercised if the other means referred to for retiring said bonds shall, in the judgment of said Board, be sufficient to protect the rights of the holders thereof.

Should any property within the limits hereinbefore specified be deemed by the said Board advisable for the purpose herein contemplated, and the Board finds that the same cannot be purchased for a reasonable and just price, then the city of New Orleans shall have the right, by expropriation proceedings, to acquire said property; and said Board shall have the right to receive any of said property by donation or bequest. The title to all property acquired hereunder, whether by purchase, donation, expropriation or otherwise, shall be in the name of the city of New Orleans.

Section 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That on the official ballot to be used in said election shall be placed the words "For the Lake Shore Park Amendment," and the words "Against the Lake Shore Park Amendment;" and each elector shall indicate, as provided in the general election laws of this State, which of the said propositions he shall vote for.

L. E. THOMAS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS C. BARRET
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved: July 9th, 1914.
L. E. HALL,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ALVIN E. HEBERT,
Secretary of State.

ACT NO. 309.

Senate Bill No. 111.
By Mr. George Wesley Smith.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to Article 223 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, two-thirds of all members elected to each house concurring, That an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana be submitted to the qualified electors of the State for their approval or rejection as required by Article 321 of the Constitution, at the Congressional election to be held on the first Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1914, amending and re-enacting Article 223 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 223.

Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Auditor or the Police Jury of any Parish, the Governor may suspend any officer charged with the collection or custody of public funds when in arrears.

Section 2. Any officer of this State or of any district, judicial or otherwise, and any officer of any parish or ward thereof, and any officer of any municipality or ward thereof (except the judges of all of the courts of record of this State, the judges of the various city courts throughout the State, and the justices of the peace) holding office by virtue of having been elected thereto by the legally qualified voters of this State, or of any district, judic